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Edward Oniel Nelson 34 years of age
and lives at 300 W 152 St NY City

Deposes & says that about two weeks before
Oct 31/26 while at the cor of William and Wall St
NY C just after leaving the office of Jacob R
Harriss of 52 ^{William St} Wall St I was approached by a
man who said he was a New Jersey Detective
and working for the interest of the State of New
Jersey on the Hall & Mills case, asked me
if I wanted to make some money I felt
suspicious in the way he approached me
and I answered yes I want to make some
money, the Detective answered I want to take
you to New Jersey to ^{contradict} conduct the testimony of
the nigger woman Nelly Russell, she stated
that the pig woman was at her house
on the night of the murders now as Nelly
Russell at one time lived in N.Y. I want
you to testify that you saw Nelly Russell
in N.Y on that particular night that she
says the pig woman was at her house
money would not be any object and ~~I~~
you would be paid well for your service
I told him I did not know Nelly Russell
or anybody concerned in the case nor
had I at any time been in the town where
the crime was committed. ^{the Detective said} I will take your
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to Jersey and show you the surroundings
and also have you take a look at
Nelly Russell, I refused to do this.
This Detective then answered if you don't do
this we will get somebody else to do it
because it's must be done. He kept
on pestering me to do this and assured
me that no harm would come to me as
they would protect me when he told me
that money would be no object he displayed
a large roll of Bills containing \$10.00
Bills conversation about me giving testimony
against Nelly Russell started after we had
left a Saloon on cor of Ritt & Monroe St N.Y.C.
from there ~~we left~~ he accompanied me to
the West Side subway and left me at the
72nd St Station, He also said we want to
convict the Halls. They have plenty of money
but the State of N Jersey has more than they
got. In order to convince me that I would be
protected he explained how they brought
Tampes Dickman from some prison, We
also have people protecting the big woman
His last words to me when he left me on
the Subway train was if fear is the only
thing that is keeping you from doing what
I want you to do you needn't fear

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because I have shown you that we
protect our important witnesses
I met this detective at about 4.30 P.M.
and he remained with me for about
two or two and one half hours I make
this statement of my own free will without
any threats or promises of money or
favors believing I am justified in telling
the truth in the sight of god. I also
sent Mr. Case a letter telling him if
he sent a representative I would tell
him the whole truth

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